## August 1, 2012

Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council Attn: Diana Cooney 1951 W. Camelback Rd., Ste. #202 Phoenix, AZ 85015

Re: Pinal County Adult Deferred Prosecution Program

Dear Ms. Cooney:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-362, I am forwarding a report regarding the Pinal County Attorney's Adult Deferred Prosecution (ADP) Program.

The Pinal County Attorney's Office defers prosecution in cases where low risk defendants, who have been charged with crimes, participate in the ADP Program by completing community service, paying restitution if required, checking in monthly with the Diversion Officer, and attending counseling if necessary. If clients successfully complete all requirements of the program, their charges may be dismissed.

During fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, the Pinal County Attorney's Office placed eight (8) individuals in the ADP Program. Two (2) individuals successfully completed the program and their charges were dismissed. In addition, the Pinal County Attorney's ADP Program returned \$2,723.00 in restitution to victims. As of June 30, 2012, there were four (4) active cases. Those four (4) cases were placed prior to the beginning of fiscal year, July 1, 2011. To date, there are ten (10) active cases.

A breakdown of the crimes involved during the fiscal year is as follows:

Criminal Damage	3
Theft	7
Forgery	2
Theft of a Credit Card	2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Burglary	2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Burglary	4
Criminal Trespass	1
Theft of Means of Trans	3
Agg Assault	5
Fraudulent Schemes & Artifices	3

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The Pinal County Attorney's ADP Program, continues to successfully ensure that participants in the program accept responsibility for their actions while providing them an opportunity to have their charges dismissed upon successful completion of the ADP Program requirements. This in turn reduces additional expenses already placed on our court system. Furthermore, victims of crimes requiring restitution are reimbursed for their losses.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. I may be reached at, (520) 866-6602, emailed at <a href="mailto:Somer.Fite@pinalcountyaz.gov">Somer.Fite@pinalcountyaz.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. WALSH PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY

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